

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition Boston Edison D/B/A NStar Electric for a grant of location for 12 feet of 5 inch PVC conduit in Medford St. from manhole #4784 to pole #228/15 near the intersection of Somerville Ave.
2. Petition AT&T Broadband for a grant of location for 200 feet of 4 inch PVC conduit in Temple St. at Mystic Ave., from pole #212/38 at the southeast corner to a new manhole in the sidewalk at 119 Temple St., and 2 inch PVC conduit from this new manhole to each of the residences at 117, 119, 121 and 123 Temple St.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

3. Order **Submitted by Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the sign post on Marshall St. across from Oakland Ave.
4. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the installation of a blinking traffic light in the area of the playground on Marshall St. as a method of slowing the speeding traffic in the area, and that the Chief of Police take notice of any vehicles speeding on Marshall St. and fine the operators accordingly.
5. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewers at the corner of Sewall and Grant Sts.
6. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at the corner of Walnut Rd. and Walnut St.
7. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the stop sign at the corner of Bailey and Temple Rds.

8. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking install SLOW - CHILDREN signs in the area of 125 Jaques St. as a method of slowing the speeding traffic in the area, and that the Chief of Police take notice of any vehicles speeding on Jaques St. and fine the operators accordingly.
9. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash and debris from the corner of Temple St. and Mystic Ave. and along Temple St. in the area of St. Polycarp's Church.
10. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Heuston**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby supports the attached communication to Mr. Bernard Rogan, Director of Community Relations, Shaws Supermarkets.
11. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 1-3 Durham St. for any and all code violations.
12. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services contact Cumberland Farms to take steps to ensure that the property at 709 Somerville Ave. is kept clean while vacant and that measures are taken to discourage traffic cutting through to Elm St.
13. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Board of Health inspect the property at 78 Beacon St. for any and all code violations.
14. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking, in conjunction with the Police Department, take all necessary steps to insure that cars and other vehicles, especially tow trucks, do not run the red light at the corner of Linwood St. and McGrath Highway.
15. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services send a communication to the owners of Prospect Iron and Steel detailing the City's noise ordinance, requesting adherence to it, and informing them that any violations will result in citations being issued and code enforcement.
16. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and lines request that the utility pole at the corner of Beacon and Washington Sts. in front of Panini Bakery be replaced.
17. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree in front of 48 Parkdale St., notifying residents prior to commencing work.
18. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with neighbors and the Ward Two Alderman to assess the feasibility of restricting truck traffic on Waldo Ave.

19. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree in front of 32 Clark St. to assess its health and damage there and make recommendations on potential removal, and send a notice of final disposition to the resident at 32 Clark St. and the Ward Alderman.
20. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines investigate relocating the utility pole on Perkins Place as it currently poses a safety hazard.
21. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the NO PARKING restriction at all bus stops on east Broadway at all hours and all days of the week.
22. Order That the Chief of Police enforce the restriction against bicycles operating on sidewalks, specifically on east Broadway and Franklin St.
23. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree partially hiding the STOP HERE ON RED sign in front of the Cobble Hill Apartments on Myrtle St.
24. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the two potholes in front of 54 Myrtle St.
25. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate the pile of dirt at the Sanctuary on Tufts St.
26. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Board of Health inspect the property at 22 Everett Ave. for any and all zoning, building and/or health code violations, and that the Chief of Police investigate the premises for suspected illegal drug activity, especially from Midnight to 5:00 AM.
27. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking place pedestrian signs at all crosswalks on lower Broadway, especially near the bank and Library.
28. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 281 Medford St.
29. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Dedication Committee add the name of Catherine Lapuma to the sign commemorating Joseph Lapuma Square at the intersection of Wesley Park and Bow St.

30. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Dedication Committee name a section of the island opposite 1 Summer St. in memory of Robert Pye.
31. Order That the Superintendent of Highways clean the sewer at the intersection of Walnut and Aldersey Sts.
32. Order That the Chief of Police patrol and enforce the noise ordinance pertaining to all night parties at 15½ Putnam St.
33. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Connolly**
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the hole that exists at the base of the tree in the sidewalk outside the Dunkin Donuts in Davis Square as it is causing a hazard to pedestrians.
34. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines, and/or NStar, replace or repair the street light on pole #161 at the corner of Ashland Ave. and Summer St., as it is extremely dark and poses a hazard to pedestrians in the area.
35. Order **Submitted by Ald. Desmond and Roche**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sewer basin at 6 Otis St. as it has separated considerably from the curb leaving a large hole that presents a serious danger to small children.
36. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan**
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree outside 42-44 Albion Street, as it is hanging over the street and interfering with cars, trucks and pedestrians passing by.
37. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the stem of a sign post sticking out of the sidewalk at the corner of Summer and Porter Sts.
38. Order That the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds clean the exterior windows of the Culinary Arts Center.
39. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines replace or repair the lights outside the High School in the vicinity of the Gymnasium and Vocational School.
40. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works pressure wash around the entrance to the High School Gymnasium and Vocational School.

41. Order **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking request that the Traffic Commission consider raising the fine on parking next to a fire hydrant from \$30 to \$100.
42. Order That the Chief of Police enforce the ordinances regarding speeding vehicles on Morrison Ave.
43. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead tree on Grove Street opposite Brooks Pharmacy.
44. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works request a report of the various utility companies on the status of double poles throughout the city.
45. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost**
That the Traffic Commission authorize the installation of more signs warning vehicles to slow down in areas where there are pedestrian crosswalks, especially on routes heavily traveled to and from the city's schools, including, but not limited to, School St., Broadway, Temple St., Central St. and Medford St.
46. Order That the Director of the Board of Health, the Commissioner of Public Works and heads of other appropriate departments report on their progress in evaluating the feasibility of using Integrated Pest Management techniques in the city's public buildings and on its grounds, as a healthier and less expensive alternative to the routine use of pesticides, as previously requested by this Board.
47. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the City Solicitor, and heads of other appropriate departments schedule a meeting with the Legislative Matters Committee to discuss strategies for regulating excessive use of paving, changes to grade, and other alterations of land that eliminate natural drainage and exacerbate flooding. (2nd request.)
48. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost and the Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the MBTA report to this Board the status of the proposed Green Line extension, in terms of both funding for the project and its schedule for design and construction.
49. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan**
That the Traffic Commission ask the US Post Office to consider moving its mailboxes on Central St., near Hudson St., closer to Highland Ave., in order to allow for better visibility and safety for vehicles turning out of Hudson St. onto Central St.

- 50. Resolution That the Traffic Commission clarify whether its prohibition on parking on the west side of Lowell St. from Highland Ave. north extends as far as Alpine St., install signage to communicate the extent the of the NO PARKING THIS SIDE zone, and consider extending the west side parking prohibition on Lowell St. as far as Alpine St., if it does not already extend there.
- 51. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with this Board, in appropriate committee, to report on the status of the design and reconstruction of the Lowell St. Bridge, and that the state Highway Dept. be invited to participate in presenting this update.
- 52. Resolution **Submitted by Ald. Halloran**
That this Board of Aldermen requests that MDC Commissioner Balfour meet with this Board to determine the needs and status of Dilboy Field and the Somerville Veterans Hockey Rink.
- 53. Comm. **Submitted by Ald. White**
Notifying the community of the High School’s 150th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, Oct. 11-13, with a dinner dance, home-coming football game, cocktail party, parade, and other events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- 54. Requesting an appropriation of \$1,400,000 for the construction of surface drains, sewers, sewerage systems, and sewage treatment and disposal facilities and the authorization to borrow \$1,400,000 to meet these improvements as provided by MGL c44 s7(1).
- 55. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Afshin Miraly, 1025 Hancock St., Quincy, to the position of Assistant City Solicitor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 56. Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Sept. 19.
- 57. Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Sept. 25.
- 58. Report of the Committee on Finance, Sept. 24.
- 59. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Sept. 25.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

60. Zoning **Zoning Change**
Victor and Kathrine Lum, proposing revised zoning for 175 and 179 Elm St.
61. Petition **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
No Place for Hate Demonstration, Davis Sq., Sept. 30, 5:30PM.
62. Petition Banners for the Taste of Somerville on Oct. 18, hung at Trum Field and Hodgkins Park.
63. Petition Somerville High School 150th Anniversary Parade, Highland Ave., Oct. 13, 1PM.
64. Petition Jason Dedrick Run 4 a Cure 5K Road Race, Davis Sq., Nov. 2, 11AM-1PM.
65. Petition Matignon Football and Cheerleading Parents Assoc. Canning Drive, McGrath/Broadway and Davis Sq., Oct. 26, 9:30AM-12:30PM.
66. Petition Somerville High Football Mothers Club Canning Drive, McGrath/Broadway, Sept. 21 8AM-5PM.
67. Petition Somerville High Football Mothers Club Car Wash, High School Concourse, Sept. 21, 8AM-5PM.
68. Flam/Gar Lic **Renewal of Flammable License**
Somerville Homeless Coalition, 14 Chapel St., 4,000 gallons.
69. Taxi Cab Op. **New Taxi Cab Operators**
Robert Marsh, 92 Harriet St., Brighton
70. Taxi Cab Op. Joel-Bien-Aime, 34 Exchange Ave., Medford
71. Bond **Drain-Layers Bond**
B&T and Sons Inc.
72. Bond Free Flow Plumbing & Drain King.
73. Bond Robell Excavating Co.

74. Claim Notice Notice of Claim
Gladis R. Filchtiner.
75. Claim Notice Troy Bergeron.
76. Claim Notice Jennifer A. Couget.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM